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TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, BTRA, NI

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TRADE  
MISSION TO U.S.

FROM AF/W

REF: LAGOS 6234 AND PREVIOUS

1. GARBARINO OF N/A CHAMBER IN NEW YORK HAS ARRANGED THE  
FOLLOWING PROGRAM FOR VISITING TRADE DELEGATION FOR JUNE  
13 AT BILTMORE HOTEL:

9:00 RECEPTION AND COFFEE

9:30 TO 11:00 DELEGATION LEADER AND HIS DESIGNEES TO EACH  
GIVE 10-15 MINUTE PRESENTATION ON POTENTIAL  
FOR US INVESTMENT IN AND TRADE WITH NIGERIA  
(BY SECTORS)

11:00 TO 12:00 DISCUSSIONS, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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12:00 COCKTAILS

12:30 LUNCHEON: SPEAKER: PETER CHAVEAS, COUNTRY OFFICER  
NIGERIA, DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2. GARBARINO SAYS PRIVATE BUSINESS CONSULTATIONS BEING  
ARRANGED FOR MONDAY, JUNE 12 AND TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE

13 IN NEW YORK.

3. SWISSAIR IN NEW YORK HAS MADE HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT FOLLOWING HOTELS BUT IS IN NEED OF URGENT AUTHORIZATION FROM SWISSAIR LAGOS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE DEPOSITS AND THUS KEEP RESERVATIONS:

NEW YORK.....HOTEL ROOSEVELT  
CHICAGO.....CONRAD HILTON  
ATLANTA.....ATLANTA HILTON  
HOUSTON.....HOLIDAY INN ASTRODOME  
LOS ANGELES...L.A. HILTON  
WASHINGTON....DUPONT PLAZA

SWISSAIR CAN ARRANGE FOR GROUND TRANSPORT IN EACH CITY, TO AND FROM AIRPORT, AT AN ADDITIONAL FEE. WE STRONGLY URGE DELEGATION TO AVAIL ITSELF OF THIS SERVICE AS IT WILL SAVE ALL CONCERNED MANY LOGISTICAL HEADACHES.

4. SWISSAIR WILL SOON PROVIDE US WITH ETA AND ETD IN EACH CITY ON ITINERARY SO THAT WE MAY PLAN APPROPRIATE EVENTS FOR EACH CITY TO BE VISITED. COMMENT: AT THIS TIME WE ARE LOATH TO SUGGEST ANY MAJOR PLANNING CHANGES BUT ARE AMAZED AT N/A CHAMBER DECISION TO UTILIZE SWISSAIR FOR 20 DAY TRADE MISSION TO UNITED STATES WHEN PAN AMERICAN HAS LAGOS OFFICE AND ROUTES TO NEW YORK FROM BOTH  
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LAGOS AND LONDON. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IRKSOME IN VIEW OF FACT U.S. EMBASSY AND USG DEPARTMENTS IN WASHINGTON ARE DOING VIRTUALLY ALL PLANNING FOR VISITING MISSION WITH NO CONTRIBUTION BY NIGERIAN EMBASSY HERE AND FMG IN LAGOS.  
END COMMENT. -

5. WE WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT ON SCHEDULE AS IT DEVELOPS.

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